

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing media services via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising:

providing a user with an interactive program guide (IPG), the IPG including a television program schedule, the television program schedule including at least one currently scheduled television program, said currently scheduled television program being scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined current time, and at least one future television program, said future television program being otherwise available only via a scheduled ~~for~~ broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined later time;

receiving user input requesting said future television ~~program;~~ program for display at a user-defined time, wherein said user-defined time is prior to said later time, and wherein said user input requesting said future television program for display at a user-defined time includes a request for beginning a display of the future television program at a time when said future television program is not scheduled to begin broadcasting to a plurality of users; and

providing said user with said future television program ~~prior to said later time.~~ at said user-defined time.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
confirming that said user is authorized to receive said future television program.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
charging said user a fee in connection with the provision of said television program.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
charging said user a fee in connection with providing said user with access to future television programming.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of episodes corresponding to a television show.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein a type of said television show is from a group consisting of:
a sit-com, a drama series, and a soap opera.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of television programs and a plurality of corresponding channels and start times.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user input is provided via a remote control device and said future television program is displayed on a television screen.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is received from a headend.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is received from a content provider.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a memory located inside said client device.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to said client device.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a hub.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a node.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a cable television system.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to a cable television system.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is also provided with access to a previously broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is also provided with access to a currently broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

19. (Currently Amended) A media services device for providing a client device with a media presentation, said device comprising:

logic configured to receive from a cable television system (CTS) a television program schedule, said television program schedule including at least one currently scheduled television program, said currently scheduled television program being scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined current time, and said television program schedule including at least one future television program, said future television program being otherwise available only via a scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined later time;

logic configured to provide said client device with information related to an interactive program guide (IPG) that includes said television program schedule; and

logic configured to provide said client device with said future television program ~~prior to said later time in response to receiving user input requesting said future television program.~~
at a user-defined time according to a received user input,

wherein said user-defined time is prior to said later time, and

wherein said received user input can include a request for beginning a display of the future television program at a time when said future television program is not scheduled to begin broadcasting to a plurality of users.

20. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising:

logic configured to cause said user to be charged a fee in connection with the provision of said television program.

21. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising:
logic configured to cause said user to be charged a fee in connection with providing the user with access to future television programming.
22. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising:
logic configured to confirm that said user is authorized to receive said future television program.
23. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of episodes corresponding to a television show.
24. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 23, wherein a type of said television show is from a group consisting of:
a sit-com, a drama series, and a soap opera.
25. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said IPG identifies a plurality of television programs and a plurality of corresponding channels and start times.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is received from a headend.

28. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a memory located inside said client device.
29. (Previously Presented) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to said client device.
30. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a hub.
31. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a node.
32. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device located in a cable television system.
33. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, wherein said future television program is stored in a storage device coupled to a cable television system.
34. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising logic configured to provided said user with access to a previously broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

35. (Previously Amended) The media services device of claim 19, further comprising logic configured to provided said user with access to a currently broadcast television program identified in said interactive program guide.

36. (Previously Presented) A media services client device for providing a user with a media presentation, said device comprising:

logic configured to receive from a cable television system (CTS) a television program schedule, said television program schedule including at least one currently scheduled television program, said currently scheduled television program being scheduled for broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined current time, and at least one future television program, said future television program being otherwise available only via a scheduled ~~for~~ broadcast to a plurality of users at a predetermined later time;

logic configured to provide said user with an interactive program guide (IPG) configured to display the television program schedule; and

logic configured to provide said user with said future television program at a user-defined time,

wherein said user-defined time is prior to said later time in response to receiving user input requesting said future television program. ~~time, and~~

wherein said logic configured to provide said user with said future television program at a user-defined time includes logic configured to begin presentation of said future television program at a time when said future television program is not scheduled to begin broadcasting to a plurality of users.